

REMARKS:Claim rejection – 35 USC 102(e)

Claims 1 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Jusuf (US 6,219,195). Claim 1 has been amended to require the first and second transistors recited in allowed claim 9. Claim 8 has been amended to require the first, second, third and fourth transistors recited in allowed claim 9. Such a configuration of resistors is not found in Jusuf. Accordingly, claims 1 and 8 are believed to be allowable.

Claim rejection – 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 21 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Jusuf in view of Ranmuthu (US 6,396,346). Claim 21 has been amended to recite the limitations indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, claim 21 is believed to be allowable.

Allowable subject matter


Applicants acknowledge and appreciate allowance of claims 9-20, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-7. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4-7 depend from claim 3, and are therefore believed to be allowable as written.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0466 (Order No. SJO920010140US1).

Respectfully submitted,

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